

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takaaki YANAGISAWA, et al.

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Divisional Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLENISHING A DEVELOPING DEVICE WITH TONER  
WHILE SUPPRESSING TONER REMAINING

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/434,174, filed May 9, 2003, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

**COUNTRY**  
Japan

**APPLICATION NUMBER**  
2000-039843

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

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were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/785,234 filed February 20, 2001.

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

(B) Application Serial No.(s)  
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